

Amendments to the Claims:

1-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) A laying head for forming coils of continuous and substantially rectilinear rolled products comprising a support structure (2), a rotor (3) adapted to rotate about its own axis (X) under the action of motor means and held in rotation by the support structure (2) by means of bearings (4), characterized in that there are only two bearings and that at least one of the two bearings (4) incorporates vibrations damping means comprising a passive oil film bearing (10) of the hydrodynamic type.

20. (Previously Presented) Laying head according to claim 19, wherein each of the bearings (4) incorporates said vibrations damping means.

21. (Previously Presented) Laying head according to claim 19, wherein, in proximity of a rolled product inlet side, at least one axial type hydrodynamic bearing is provided.

22. (Previously Presented) Laying head according to claim 19 or 20, wherein said hydrodynamic bearing (10) is of the "tilting pad" type.

23. (Previously Presented) Laying head according to claim 19 or 20, wherein said hydrodynamic bearing (10) is of the lobed type.

24. (Previously Presented) Laying head according to claim 23, wherein in said hydrodynamic bearing (10) there are provided three lobes.

25. (Previously Presented) Laying head according to claim 23, wherein in said hydrodynamic bearing (10) there are provided two lobes.

26. (Previously Presented) Laying head according to claim 25, wherein the arrangement of the lobes on the bearing is asymmetrical.

27. (Previously Presented) Laying head according to claim 19, wherein the oil film bearing (24) is of the "squeeze film" type.

28. (cancelled)

29. (cancelled)

30. (cancelled)

31. (cancelled)

32. (New) Laying head according to claim 19 wherein one bearing is located on each side of the rotor.